



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD
CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

MAR 29 2006

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

(AR-18J)

Gerald Bendix
President/CEO
Menominee Tribal Enterprises
P.O. Box 10
Neopit, Wisconsin 54150

Dear Mr. Bendix:

Thank you for the opportunity in allowing representatives of the United States Environmental Protection Agency to visit the Menominee's sawmill facility on January 11, 2006. During the site visit we were able to collect some preliminary information that will assist us in our assessment of whether the emissions from the facility trigger federal major source construction or operating permit requirements.

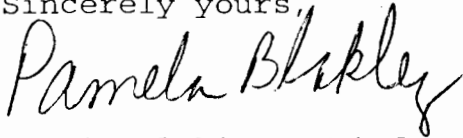
After obtaining some additional information from the operator at the sawmill, we believe that the sawmill has potential emissions of at least one of the criteria pollutants above the 100 tons per year; be subject to the requirements of 40 CFR Part 71; and require a Title V operating permit. We request that you complete and submit a Title V permit application for the facility as soon as possible, and would be happy to provide you any assistance in completing the Title V application. The application is available on-line at <http://www.epa.gov/oar/oaqps/permits/p71forms.html>.

During our site visit, staff noticed a brown cloud of emissions being emitted from your main boiler stack. Given our visual observation and the community complaints mentioned by your tribal environmental staff, we recommend that a stack test be conducted of the emissions from the main boiler stack at your earliest convenience. The Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Branch in our Air and Radiation Division are available to assist you in setting up the stack test. In addition, in order for us to determine whether the facility is subject to the federal major source construction requirements, we are requesting

that you provide any information on whether there has been any modifications at the sawmill since August 7, 1980.

We would like to set up a conference call to discuss options and answer any questions as soon as possible. Please contact Ethan Chatfield, of my staff, at (312) 886-5112 at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela Blakley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Pamela Blakley, Chief
Air Permits Section

cc: Gary Schuettpelz, HWC